



## Paradise Kindergarten

### Local walks Policy

#### Rationale

At Paradise Kindergarten we believe children learn inside and outside and in the 'real' world. Being out in the community to discover more about their world is a key part of the learning programme. Their connection to the natural real world enhances their sense of identity and belonging to kindergarten and the local community.

#### **The requirements of the National Quality Standards are met;**

- *QA1 1.1.1 Curriculum decision making contributes to each child's learning and development and outcomes in relation to their identity, connection with community, wellbeing, confidence as learners and effectiveness as communicators.*
- *QA5 5.2.1 Each child is supported to work with, learn from and help others through collaborative learning opportunities.*
- *QA6 6.3.4 The service builds relationships and engages with the local community.*

#### **Guidelines.**

- Short walks include any excursion by children outside the kindergarten gate that does not include any type of motorised transport or crossing of a main road.
- Local walks may include, but are not limited to,
  - a walk to the letter box
  - a walk to local parks
  - a walk around the neighbourhood
  - a walk to local community buildings
- Parents will be informed of the possible dates where we may be going on these walks.
- If any kind of motorised transport or crossing of a main road is required a separate excursion from will be sent out for parents
- A risk/benefit assessment is completed for local walks with children and staff are safety aware at all times. Appropriate ratios of adults to children are always determined for each walk.

***This Policy** will be shared with all new staff and families, and available to view in the Preschool Policies Booklet and on the Preschool Website.*

***Enrolled families** will be asked to confirm they have read and understand this Policy by signing the*

*Information & Consents Form at the time of enrolment.*

***Endorsed and Ratified by Staff and Governing Council 2017. To Be Reviewed 2018***